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JUDGE:

RE: Invitation to Receive the Outstanding American Award
 Los Angeles Philanthropic Foundation
 Annual black-tie dinner
 Los Angeles, California
 19, 20, 27, October or 2 November

Special Agent in Charge, Robert Bretzing, has invited you on behalf of incoming president of the Foundation Robert A. Houghton to receive the Los Angeles Philanthropic Foundation's "Outstanding American Award" for 1988. The suggested dates for their annual black-tie dinner are 19, 20, 27 October or 2 November. You are asked to give 20 minutes of remarks on "Americanism" or any topic of your choice. The media is not expected to cover the event. You could expect an audience of approximately 600 - 700 business and professional men and women. Tickets to the dinner are \$60, but the event is not considered a fund raiser.

In addition to the award that you receive, a scholarship of \$2,000 will be given in your name to a student attending one of California's private colleges or universities.

The purpose of the Los Angeles Philanthropic Foundation is to provide funds for scholarships to accredited Colleges and Universities in Southern California and to other worthy charities. This past year \$200,000 was given in scholarships. The Foundation also has a tradition of presenting its "Outstanding American Award" to an individual known for his leadership, dedication, and service. Previous recipients have included former FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley, former President Gerald R. Ford, Actor Charlton Heston, and California Governor George Deukmejian. (See opposite for additional background information.)

Since Richard Bretzing is leaving the Los Angeles Office, and the award ceremony will be held at the height of the fall season, a difficult time for you to get away, I recommend that you decline this invitation. If you agree, attached is a letter of regret for your signature.

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Bill Baker

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Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

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April 20, 1988

Mr. Richard T. Bretzing
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
11000 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90024

Dear Rich:

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[redacted] advised of your call saying that we were out of time on the invitation to accept the Los Angeles Philanthropic Foundation Award for 1988. I quite understand. My only regret is in having placed you in a bind waiting for a reply. I was hopeful (against all advice) that I could find a way to get out there in the fall, but the dates mentioned were very likely to conflict with a heavy travel schedule not yet fully formulated.

I hope you will understand why it was not possible for me to get back to you sooner and that you will extend my appreciation for their consideration to the Foundation. I was at a dinner in New York on Monday night at which Ross Perot was the speaker and he did his usual superb job. He is an admirable choice and I applaud his selection.

I hope all goes well for you. I hear rumors that you may be leaving the Los Angeles office. I hope you will find time to keep me advised of your whereabouts.

With warmest regards and best wishes always,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Webster".

William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence



RICHARD T. BRETZING

Los Angeles, CA
February 29, 1988

Mr. William M. Baker
Director of Public Affairs
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Bill:

Reference is made to our phone conversations on February 26 and 29, 1988, regarding the desire of the Los Angeles Philanthropic Foundation to award Judge William H. Webster their Foundation's "Outstanding American Award" for 1988.

The incoming president of this Foundation is Robert A. Houghton, whom you may recall was an Assistant Chief of Police for the Los Angeles Police Department. Bob has approached me, requesting that I intercede to the extent that I can with you and Judge Webster in securing his appearance in Los Angeles to receive this award in the Fall of 1988. They have four dates which they have available, but need a reply as quickly as possible in order to maintain one of them. These dates are October 19, October 20, October 27, or November 2.

I am enclosing a brochure regarding the Foundation, which lists some of the past recipients on the back. You will note that such notables as Gen. Omar Bradley, former Director J. Edgar Hoover, former Director Clarence M. Kelley, and former President Gerald R. Ford are among those having received this recognition. Inasmuch as the past recipients more recent than 1982 are not contained on the brochure (and I'm advised by Bob that a new brochure is being printed), you might be interested to know that the 1983 recipient was TV commentator Bruce Herschensohn; 1984 recipient was Hollywood personality Charlton Heston; 1985 recipient was retired Gen. David O. Graham, head of the President's Commission on the Strategic Defense Initiative; 1986 recipient was Peter Grace of the President's Grace Commission; and 1987 was California Governor George Deukmejian.

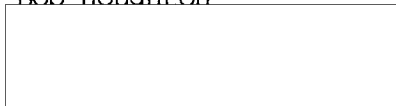
In addition to the awardee receiving a Steuben crystal symbol, the Philanthropic Foundation awards a yearly scholarship of \$2,000 in the recipient's name to a student attending one of California's colleges or universities.

As I mentioned to you on the phone, I cannot think of anyone more deserving of an "Outstanding American Award" than the man who assumed the direction of the FBI during nine critical years of its history, and who currently is providing that direction to our sister agency in Langley. Hopefully his calender will permit his acceptance, and a formal letter will be directed to him by the Philanthropic Foundation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rich".

cc: Bob Houghton



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